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ADMINISTRATOR COSTLE TO MOSCOW
IN JULY FOR MIDYEAR REVIEW (02.00)

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1. KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET PROVIDED SCIENCE OFFICE ON MAY 25 WITH A
LETTER FROM ACADEMICIAN IZRAEL' FOR MR. DOUGLAS COSTLE,
ADMINISTRATOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. THIS LETTER IS
BEING POUCHED UNDER REGISTRY NO. 3583881 TO COSTLE VIA
EUR/SOV/EXCHANGES. INFORMAL SCIENCE OFFICE TRANSLATION
IS PROVIDED BELOW.

2. QUOTE MR. COSTLE

FIRST, I CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR ASSIGNMENT AS ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OF THE USA AND WISH YOU
SUCCESS IN YOUR WORK IN THIS IMPORTANT POST.

BECAUSE OF OUR EXPERIENCE IN BILATERAL COOPERATION, WE ARE
WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE SIGNIFICANCE AND ROLE WHICH EPA
PLAYS IN SOLVING PROBLEMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN YOUR
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COUNTRY. WE UNDERSTAND AND VALUE HIGHLY THE CONTRIBUTIONS
MADE, AND WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE MADE, BY EPA IN DEVELOPING
AND EXPANDING SOVIET-AMERICAN COOPERATION IN THE INTERESTS OF
BOTH COUNTRIES.

WITH REGARD TO YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. E. TOLSTIKOV, AND ALSO
WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COOPERATION

AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR JOINT PLANS AND PROGRAMS, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION AT ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO YOU DURING THE FIRST HALF OF JULY, FOR INSTANCE, FROM JULY 3RD.

AS YOU APPARENTLY KNOW, MR. TRAIN AND I MET REGULARLY AT MID-YEAR DURING THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS TO REVIEW THE STATE OF AFXIRS OF OUR COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES. IN THE EVENT OF YOUR VISIT, WE WOULD ARRANGE A MEETING IN MOSCOW WITH SOVIET PROJECT AND WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES AND TO SPECIFY PLANS FOR THE PERIOD REMAINING UNTIL THE VI SESSION OF OUR COMMITTEE. WE ALSO WOULD DISCUSS A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF THIS SESSION. AFTERWARDS, YOU COULD FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE WORK OF A NUMBER OF SOVIET INSTITUTES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE RATIONAL USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES. IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD PLAN TO VISIT SUCH INSTITUTIONS IN MOSCOW, LENINGRAD, AND TBILISI, AS WELL AS TO VISIT ONE OF THE SOVIET RESERVES. SUCH A TRIP WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY 10-11 DAYS. WE WELCOME YOUR WIFE TO THE USSR, AND IF YOU FIND IT NECESSARY, 2 - 3 OF YOUR COLLEAGUES. PLEASE GIVE OUR BEST WISHES AND EXTEND THIS INVITATION TO MRS. BLUM. PLEASE INFORM ME OF YOUR DECISION. I HOPE FOR CLOSE AND BUSINESSLIKE CONTACTS IN OUR FUTURE JOINT WORK AND LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU SOON. YU. A. IZRAEL' END QUOTE.

3. PER STROTHER - BYRNES TELECON OF MAY 24, SCIENCE OFFICE ADVISED UNCLASSIFIED

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KAZAKOV INFORMALLY THAT COSTLE WOULD PREFER TO VISIT THE USSR IN THE MIDDLE OF JULY. KAZAKOV THEN INFORMALLY SUGGESTED THAT COSTLE VISIT MIGHT BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JULY 9 BUT NO LATER SINCE IZRAEL' WILL BEGIN HIS VACATION ON/ABOUT JULY 19. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. KAZAKOV ALSO STATED THAT IZRAEL' WOULD WELCOME THE PARTICIPATION OF DR. CARL GERBER IN PROPOSED JULY COSTLE VISIT, TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR THIRD SYMPOSIUM ON COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE ENVIRONMENT (02.07-21) AS WELL AS ECONOMIC SYMPOSIUM (02.11-21) PLANNED FOR OCTOBER IN THE USSR. GERBER VISIT IN JULY WOULD ELIMINATE NEED TO SEND SOVDEL TO US IN JUNE, AS PROPOSED REFTTEL. FYI. SCIENCE OFFICE RECEIVED MAY 25 A LETTER DATED MAY 20 FROM GERBER TO IZRAEL' WHICH CONTAINS AN INVITATION TO IZRAEL' TO MEET WITH GERBER IN WASHINGTON IN MID-JULY TO DISCUSS FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS SYMPOSIUM. WE ARE HOLDING THIS LETTER PENDING GUIDANCE ON PROPOSED GERBER VISIT TO MOSCOW.

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